FLORIDA AGRICULTURE

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AVOCADOS

FLORIDA: The forecast of avocados for certified shipments is maintained at 950,000 bushels. This is 13 percent more than the 843,000 bushels shipped last season, and the most since the 1,111,000 bushels shipped in the 1991-92 season.

Estimated shipments through October total 768,600 bushels, ahead of all the seasons in the series. Summer varieties were heavy set with fall and winter varieties more light set. Weekly shipments

are declining. Bearing acreage is estimated at 6,100, the most since before Hurricane Andrew in 1992.

CALIFORNIA: Estimated total shipments for the just completed 1999-00 season total 6,859,000 bushel equivalents, the most since the very large 1992-93 season. Estimated shipments for the 2000-01 season which begins November 1 is 8,308,000 bushel equivalents, 21 percent more than the previous season.

FLORIDA: Estimated certified shipments of avocados, 2000-01 season, with comparisons - Season: April 1 - March 31

Season	Shipments through October	Remaining to be shipped	Total shipments
		Bushels	
Certified:			
1990-91	550,300	201,700	752,000
1991-92	759,400	351,600	1,111,000
1992-93	274,700	9,300	284,000
1993-94	92,600	82,400	175,000
1994-95	505,800	273,200	779,000
1995-96	526,900	217,100	744,000
1996-97	621,700	296,300	918,000
1997-98	756,200	181,800	938,000
1998-99	619,000	272,000	891,000
1999-00	708,900	134,100	843,000
Estimated:			
2000-01	768,600	181,400	950,000

CALIFORNIA: Estimated avocado shipments, 2000-01 season, with comparisons - Season: November 1 - October 31

Variety	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	Estimated shipments for 2000-01 season	
	Bushels 1/				
Fuerte	93,000	104,000	122,000	130,000	
Hass	5,376,000	4,879,000	6,175,000	7,514,000	
Other	629,000	448,000	562,000	664,000	
Total	6,098,000	5,431,000	6,859,000	8,308,000	

^{1/} Pounds converted to bushels at 50 pound equivalents.